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Mr. George Hauser
American Committee on Africa
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Dear Mr. Hauser,

We're sure that you are aware that on April 15-17 the United States will be playing South Africa in a Davis Cup tennis match at Newport Beach, California (Newport Beach Tennis Club, 2601 Eastbluff Drive 714-644-6282).

We have no idea what your office is planning to protest this match, but on the West coast there are plans under way by various support groups around the Los Angeles-San Diego area to demonstrate at the match.

As we begin to organize from this end, we wanted to insure that our plans would be coordinated with yours so that we would not be working at cross purposes.

The April-15-17 demonstration is being organized as an extension of two March events: the tour of Tsietse Mashinini in California and a March 26th Sharpeville demonstration. We are hoping the momentum generated by those events will lead to a successful effort in April.

At this stage, it would be helpful to have your latest pamphlets on multinational sport in South Africa. Although the protest will focus on apartheid and not sport exclusively, we are sure the media will focus on the sport vs. politics question, and we would like to be prepared with accurate information.

One idea which has been raised is to solicit support for the protest from American athletes and politicians who would lend their names to an advertisement or a flyer

Perhaps an ad could be placed in a paper like the Los Angeles Times before the match (using the names) as a way of generating support and publicizing the demonstration.

If this was done, would you be able to help in making contact with athletes and politicians?

Finally, could you also make contact with African sporting bodies (who have been threatening a boycott of countries who continue sporting links with South Africa) so that we can also coordinate our efforts with theirs.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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For the April 15th Coalition